

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment and Response is responsive to the final Office action dated March 11, 2009, setting forth a shortened three-month statutory period for reply expiring on June 11, 2009. This response is submitted on June 11, 2009.

The Assignee thanks the Examiner for reviewing this application and issuing an Office action.

By this Amendment, claims 9, 10 and 252-266 are canceled, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Thus, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 11, 12 and 176-179 will remain pending in the application, with claims 11 and 176 being independent claims.

I. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejects claims 9-10, 252 and 258 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) and (b) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0016542 A1 to Yoshimura. This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 9-10, 252 and 258.

II. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejects claims 253-257 and 259-266 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Yoshimura. This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 253-257 and 259-266.

The Office Action rejects claims 253, 254, 260, 261 and 264-266 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,893,383 to Chang. This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 253, 254, 260, 261 and 264-266. The also Assignee respectfully notes that Chang is not effective as prior art with respect to this application.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating claims 11-12 and 176-179 are allowed.

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IV. Conclusion

After entry of the above listing of claims and remarks, claims 11, 12 and 176-179 remain pending in the application. As these claims are allowed, the Assignee respectfully submits the application and all remaining claims are in a condition for allowance on the merits and respectfully requests such allowance.

This Amendment and Response is filed with a Request for Continued Examination and the accompanying fee. The Assignee believes no further fees or petitions are due with this filing. However, should any such fees or petitions be required, please consider this as authorization therefor and please charge such fees to Deposit Account number 04-1415.

Should any issues remain that the Examiner believes may be dealt with in a telephone conference, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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